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Examiner: Bartuska, Francis John

Durham, North Carolina
October 20, 2003Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450Amendment Transmittal

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application, responsive to an Office Action dated October 8, 2003.

FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

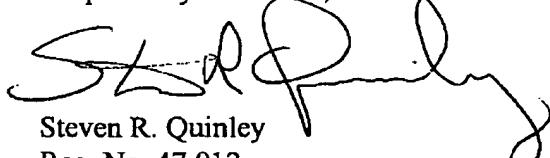
2. [X] No additional fee is required.
- [] The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	44	-	73	x \$9.00	= 0 0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	13	x \$43.00	= 0 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims		-		x \$145.00	=
					TOTAL 0.00

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Respectfully submitted,



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1. Amendment Transmittal (2 pages)
2. Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment (9 pages)

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Signature

Date: October 20, 2003